

BANK THUGS ARE BUSY.

Small Ohio Towns Are the Victims.

Some Battles Between Citizens and Midnight Marauders.

Dynamite and Winchesters Freely Used at Several Places Monday Night.

Shelby, O., Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—The Farmers' and Citizens' bank, at Tiro, near here, was blown to pieces and looted early this morning by six bank robbers. Four of them guarded the bank with Winchesters and two blew the safe and front out of the bank. The explosion awakened the citizens.

Mayor McConnell, who lives across the street from the bank, lighted a lamp and made a good target, as he stood at his front window. The robbers broke glass all about him, but missed him by a hair.

They stood off the other citizens, went to a near-by livery stable, bound and gagged the liveryman, took several rigs and made their escape. It is not known yet how much money they got, but quite a large amount was on deposit in the bank.

It is stated that the bank robbers at Tiro got \$40,000. No trace of them has been discovered.

Later reports stated that the robbers secured nothing whatever.

CLOSER.

Paris, Ky., Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—Crackmen blew open the safe in the Millers'

burg postoffice early this morning and secured \$50 in stamps and \$100 in money. They overlooked \$300 in an old safe, which was not cracked.

MT. VERNON

Citizens Exchanged Shots With Robbers.

Mt. Vernon, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—Eight robbers tackled the bank at Danville near here, at 2 o'clock this morning. They used five heavy charges of dynamite, but did not get a cent. Prof. Waungel, of the Danville Institute, was captured by the robbers, while returning home, was bound and compelled to sit on the stone steps, the robbers taking turns guarding him. Citizens who were aroused by the explosion took pot shots at the robbers. The robbers returned the fire. Waungel was then between two fires and had to roll into the gutter and lay low to escape the bullets. The robbers were finally driven away and the posse started in pursuit. They are said to have the gang surrounded in a dense wood near Bladensburg.

and collier Merrimac. Captain Lemley will argue that Admiral Schley should have left them behind and hurried on with his heavy fighting ships.

Specification 4 deals with the retrograde movement of May 26. It has been shown that Schley, instead of going direct to Santiago, went to a point 22 miles south and east of that port, that he immediately ordered the vessels to Key West for coal and started toward that port. Schley's contention is that the move was necessary in order to re-coal his ships.

Specification 5 calls for the reason for Schley's disobedience of the department order dated May 25. This order was delivered to Schley by Captain Cotton, of the Harvard, on May 27, while the retrograde movement was in progress. In answer to it he sent the famous dispatch in which he regretted that the order could not be obeyed.

Specification 6 bears on the coal supply of the squadron May 27, its coaling facilities, and the accuracy of Schley's representatives on the subject.

Specification 7, calls into question that bombardment of the Colon on May 31. Capt. Lemley has proved that the range was from 7,500 to 11,000 yards which he claims was long and ineffective.

Schley's defense is that he did not

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BUSINESS

Of the Railroads Continues to Grow.

Railroad business, the thermometers of the condition of trade throughout the country, are busier than ever. The freight business especially has grown wonderfully in the last few years and railroad men are of the opinion that next year will be still greater in the railroad business of the country. Cars, or the lack of them, continues to furnish much worry.

THE WEATHER: FAIR AND WARMER.

LAWSON

And the Fight In Copper.

Boston, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—It is believed here that the real fight in copper is between Thomas W. Lawson and A. C. Burrage, backed by Standard oil and is to the death.

At present Lawson seems to be getting a little the worst of the fight. How long he can stand the strain is a question.

Lawson states that certain Alameda directors parted with large blocks of this stock previous to the cut in the dividend rate. Lawson is not a director, so he is aiming at others.

ANOTHER

Appeal For Ransom.

\$50,000 More Needed to Free Miss Stone.

Government Can Suggest No Alternative.

New York, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—A third appeal has been issued by the American Board of Foreign Missions, through District Secretary Dr. C. E. Greegan, of this city, for subscriptions to the fund for the ransom of Miss Stone from captivity among brigands.

Fifty thousand dollars more are needed, the appeal declares, to complete the \$110,000 demanded.

Dr. Greegan said today that he had been assured by the United States government that the only thing to be done is to raise the money necessary for the payment of the ransom.

Sofia, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—The fate of Miss Stone, who is held by brigands, still hangs in the balance. Letters have been received from her at Constantinople. She says that great courtesy was shown at first, but now that the Turkish soldiers are on the trail of the kidnapers her lot has been much harder. She begs that a ransom be sent at once.

No one has yet appeared at the agreed rendezvous to claim the ransom money already sent.

RICHARD W. WOODS.

An Excellent Young Man's Untimely Death.

Richard M. Woods, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Woods, and brother of Sam Woods, of Akron, died at his home in Buena Vista st., Newark, O., Thursday, Oct. 10, of catarrh of the stomach. He was formerly a student in Buchtel college, was later in business in this city and moved to Newark about six years ago. Funeral services were conducted at his late home on Sunday last, by Olive Branch, L. O. O. F., of Newark, and by request of the deceased, the remains were taken to Cincinnati for cremation, accompanied by Mr. Clyde Marshall of Newark, and his brother, Sam, of this city. Mr. Woods was 31 years old, and leaves a wife, formerly Miss Lizzie Heib, of Akron, and a son, four years of age. Several Akron relatives and friends attended the funeral and sent floral tributes.

The Newark papers commenting upon his death, deplore the loss of a worthy citizen and speak in highest terms of Mr. Woods as a man.

AUDITOR

Found Equally Guilty With Neely and Rathbone.

Havana, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—The special presentment of the case of Neely and Rathbone, accused of the misappropriation of postoffice funds, finds Wm. H. Reeves, the auditor, who passed on their accounts, equally guilty with the prisoners. Shortages in the accounts of the accused men have been found to amount to \$185,000.

"SAVED

To Die by the Hangman."

Remark Made by an Akron Father

After Visiting His Son at Hospital.

The Son, Accused of Murder, Revived From Attempt at Suicide.

S. H. Kenealey, of Akron, father of George Kenealey, who shot his sweetheart, Bertha Richter, and attempted suicide in St. Louis a month ago, visited his son at the City Hospital Saturday for the first time since the crime was committed. The meeting was an affectionate one.

As he left this hospital, the elder Kenealey said: "These doctors have saved my boy's life. I don't know whether it is a good thing or not. It is hard for a father to say it, but I almost believe it would have been better had my son died as he desired. It is too bad to have a man's life saved to die by the hangman. My son may be insane."

GERMAN TARIFF.

It Declares War on American Cereals.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—It is reported that the government has received a dispatch from America on the subject of the new German tariff. The dispatch, it is said, plainly points out that the new tariff is not likely to promote friendly commercial relations between the two countries, especially as regards cereals.

PLEDGE

Given by Mr. Wintrobe to Akron People—Discusses Taxation and Municipal Reform.

Mr. John A. Wintrobe, one of the Democratic nominees for Representative, today gave out the following statement of his position in relation to the reformation of Akron's government and the proposed increase of the tax levy—the two questions of vital interest to Akron's voters in the approaching local election:

"I am in favor of the absolute repeal of the City Commissioner law. But if this cannot be accomplished I will use my best efforts, if elected, to have the present system so modified that the Board of Commissioners shall consist of two members, they to be elected by the people, one from each party, and the Mayor to have veto power. This will prevent any man from building up a machine, and it will prevent him also from appointing men and distributing public patronage to pay political debts. By permitting the rank and file of the two dominant parties to name their respective choice for Commissioner, the objectionable features of the appointive system will be done away with and the element of partisanship, that has worked so much injury to the city's interests in our local elections, will be eliminated.

"The present tax levy of nine and four-tenths mills is sufficient to discharge the city's present indebtedness and provide for the general running expenses of the city if its affairs are administered economically, and if elected I shall oppose an increase of the levy.

"Within the last ten years the tax duplicate of the city has increased more than seven million dollars, and the territory added by annexation will increase the city's revenues by more than \$10,000 a year, so that the income has more than kept pace with the growth of the city. Increasing the tax levy will only make extravagance of public expenditure the more easy, instead of giving our property owners protection against this increasing burden."

BOUGHT LAND.

SMALLPOX.

It Has Already Entered Newark.

Contemplated Quarantine Would Now be Ineffective.

Newark, O., Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—There are today eight cases of small-pox in town. All the patients have been removed to the temporary hospital outside of the city, and none are seriously sick.

Judge Jones has granted an injunction requiring the Board of Health within five days to establish the pest-house inside the city. It is now in Newark township. Today the schools were closed and a proclamation issued by the Board of Health to keep school children off the streets.

Will Build a House.

City Engineer John W. Payne having sold his home on Beck ave. to Supreme Secretary Stratton, of the Chevalliers, will build himself a new brick house on Beck ave., near Payne ave. He is now living at 208 Crosby st.

ESCAPED

The Watching Detectives

And Started For South Africa.

London, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—The Central News says that Maude Gonne, sometimes called "the Irish Joan of Arc" has evaded the British detectives who have been watching her and is now en route for Cape Colony. The authorities at South African ports, according to the Central News have been warned to watch for her.

Miss Gonne is well known in America. She made a tour of the country early this year. She advocated the obtaining of Irish freedom by force and warmly sympathizes with the Boers.

Water Co. Will Drill Many Wells.

SEARCHED

All at the Powers' Trial.

It Was Feared There Might be Some Shooting.

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—Every man who entered the court room to attend the trial of Caleb Powers for complicity in the assassination of Goebel, was searched for deadly weapons this morning. The order was made by Judge Cantrell last evening, and every man who entered including the judges and attorneys had to submit to the search. Nothing was found as the announcement that the search would be made had given everyone a chance to empty their pockets.

Col. Bennett H. Young, who was Goebel's counsel, first took the stand. Col. Young's statement that except on the day of the killing when there was no crowd, there had always been a jostling, menacing crowd around Goebel, was objected to by the defense, but was overruled. Col. Young then told of seeing the window open in the office of the Secretary of State on the day of the assassination.

EVANS

Will Hold His Place.

President Roosevelt Intends No Change.

Present Pension Commissioner Satisfactory to Him.

Washington, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—President Roosevelt will make no change in the pension bureau. Commissioner H. C. Evans is satisfactory to him, he has announced, and unless the Commissioner's enemies bring forward more convincing arguments than they have thus far presented, the President will make no change in the headship of the office.

General Torrance, the new commander in chief of the G. A. R., called on the President yesterday, having been summoned to the White House from his home in Minnesota, for a consultation upon pension matters. Commissioner Evans accompanied him to the President's office and afterwards was in consultation with the G. A. R. chief. General Torrance announced before he left for the West that he had no complaint to make against the present administration of the Pension Bureau.

RUSSIA

Will Have an American Electric Railway.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—Arrangements have been made with an American syndicate to give St. Petersburg rapid transit. The tramway system is to be leased to the Americans for 25 years. Electric tramways will replace the old horse cars and the system will be extended.

The necessary capital, \$50,000,000 will be raised in America.

To Save Chimneys and Lives From Reckless Aeronauts.

Paris, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—It is reported that M. Lepine, the perfect of police, is considering the advisability of detaching a special police brigade to prevent abuses of aerial navigation. The measure is taken to double the power of the police to preserve the lives of reckless aeronauts and for the protection of chimney tops of unoffending taxpayers.

A Big Real Estate Deal Closed.

Lake Water No Longer to be Used.

For \$14,000 the Akron Water Works Co. has bought of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Steigener and Mrs. Gottlieb Steigener 43.06 acres of land near Manning's pond, south-west of the city, and not far from the water works plant. The deed was filed Tuesday.

For some time the water works people have been negotiating for this property with a view to drilling wells there to supply the city and no longer depend on Summit lake for a supply. The land purchased lies near enough to the lake to guarantee that at no great depth an inexhaustible supply of water can be secured.

Assistant Treasurer H. C. Starr said Tuesday that the plans of the company were not perfected but that it was intended to sink several wells very soon.

NOT YET KNOWN

No decision has been reached with either Judge Nye or Judge Hayden as to when the city's bond injunction suit shall be heard. There is now a probability that the case may not be heard this week.

Meets Tonight.

As Theodore Miller Camp Spanish-American War Veterans, approaches his birthday, the interest in the organization is revived and the meetings, which were discontinued during the summer, will be resumed Tuesday night at the armory of Company B.

TO SHRINK

The Capital Stock.

American Bicycle Co.'s Latest Move.

Special Meeting of Stockholders Will Act.

New York, Oct. 15.—(Spl.)—It is officially announced that the directors of the American Bicycle Co. have resolved to recommend to the stockholders a reduction in the authorized capital stock of the company, amounting to \$80,000,000, to \$26,996,400. Of the authorized capital stock something like \$300,000,000 has been issued. About \$3,000,000 is held in the treasury.

Vice President Pope states that the scheme is to reduce the authorized capital to the actual stock outstanding, which amounts to nearly \$27,000,000. A special meeting of the stockholders will be held Oct. 30 to act upon the resolution. All the large shareholders have already signified their willingness to vote in favor of the reduction.